

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
February 27, 2018

Security

ITEM 6b

Bicycle Safety

A homeowner recently had a nasty crash on their bicycle while pedaling along Beach Road in the 400-block. The rider encountered an area of uneven pavement and was thrown off-balance and went down on the concrete., sustaining injuries to her elbow and hip. She was taken to the hospital for emergency medical care and is home now and on the mend. By Board meeting time, a contractor will be underway with a repair to the uneven concrete surface at that location.

This is a good time to bring home the point that throughout any residential neighborhood, Beach Road notwithstanding, there are uneven surfaces. The most likely areas are where the pavement meets a driveway. Many driveways on Beach Road have an uneven change in surfaces from the pavement onto the concrete driveway, in some cases as much as one inch, which is more than enough to throw a bicycle rider off-balance.

This uneven transition from roadway to driveway is industry-standard for residential development, in order to create some flow-line for rain water along the gutter, and cannot be altered where it exists, so cyclists must be aware.

Speed bumps can be a problem but with the exception of the two concrete speed bumps that must extend the full width of the roadway (35431 and 35691), all other speed bumps here in the community are designed with a gap in the middle to allow for bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc., to safely pass through. The two concrete speed bumps are actually structural covers over storm drain pipes that run under the roadway and therefore must extend the full road width to support the load from heavy vehicles.

BE CAREFUL AND WATCH FOR UNEVEN AREAS